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SUBJECT: APPARENT BOMB ATTACK AGAINST PAN AM

1. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON TODAY, AUGUST 2, AN ARAB-LOOKING INDIVIDUAL LEFT A BRIEFCASE IN PAN AM'S OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN BEIRUT. HE APPARENTLY WAS BEING FOLLOWED AT THE TIME AND LEFT PRECIPITOUSLY AND WE HAVE BEEN TOLD WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPREHENDED. PAN AM SECURITY MAN WAS SUSPICIOUS, SUMMONED DEMOLITION EXPERTS WHO DEFUSED THE BOMB AT 12:57, WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS DUE TO GO OFF AT 1300. BOMB CONSISTED OF SIX STICKS OF DYNAMITE. BOMB WOULD HAVE WREAKED HAVOC IF IT HAD EXPLODED. FOREGOING FROM LOCAL PAN AM MANAGER WHO IS REPORTING TO NEW YORK, HIS SECURITY PEOPLE, ETC. INFORMED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER BOUTROS DIB AND HAVE ASKED THAT EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER BE BRIEFED BY WHATEVER LEBANESE AUTHORITIES HAVE CUSTODY OF ALLEGED PERPETRATOR, AS WELL AS PRECISE NATURE OF BOMB.

2. PAN AM IS ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE STORY FROM THE PRESS BUT DOUBT THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE DUE TO  
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LARGE NUMBER BYSTANDERS.

3. SINCE DICTATING FOREGOING, BOUTROS DIB HAS CALLED BACK TO SAY THAT MAN WHO LEFT DESPATCH CASE HAS BEEN APPREHENDED BY LEBANESE MILITARY SECURITY. THE LATTER HAD BEEN FOLLOWING HIM AND BELIEVE HE IS PART OF THE SAME GROUP THAT RECENTLY ENDEAVORED KDNAP CHILEAN AMBASSADOR. BOMBER CURRENTLY UNDER INTERROGATION AND WE SHOULD LEARN MORE ABOUT IT MONDAY, AUGUST 5. ONE OF THE POINTS, OF COURSE, THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN IS WHETHER BOMB SIMILAR TO THE ONE EXPLODED IN OUR CULTURAL CENTER SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

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